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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 Sir:

## **REMARKS**

1. Applicants propose to modify FIGURE 1 as filed to conform it to FIGURES 2 and 4, and to the specification at page 12, lines 31-32 and page 13, lines 19-26.

The attached copy of FIGURE 1 as filed, marked up in red, illustrates the proposed change to claim 1. No new matter is added by this change.

Approval of the change to FIGURE 1 is requested.